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OTHER SIDE OF STORY IS HEARD

Commissioner Stouffer Testifies in
Court—Says Pierce's Remarks
Provoked Assault.

Commissioner A. C. Stouffer told a somewhat different tale of the assaulting episode which took place between him and Ira Nels Pierce, justice of the peace, in Hickey Bros' cigar store in Moline last fall, and which now is resulting in a damage suit against Stouffer brought by the justice. Mr. Stouffer was on the witness stand from 9 until 11 o'clock this morning and at the end of his testimony Attorney Wold, counsel for Justice Pierce, began his opening argument to the jury. The case will probably go to the jury this afternoon.

Contrary to the story of Pierce, Stouffer maintains that he was in the cigar store before the justice entered. He said he slapped the justice hard and told him he had no business writing about him. "When he went to the telephone I told him to go ahead and call the police and after he got through I would give him some more," said Stouffer. His principal defense was that he had been told that Pierce had made slanderous remarks about him and had written slanderous letters to a Moline paper and had threatened to "get him."

The commissioner insisted that the justice had repeatedly mixed up in police affairs at the station and made himself obnoxious. He denied that he had broken Pierce's glasses, declaring that he had taken them off. In answer to a question as to why he had hit the justice, Mr. Stouffer said, "I had been told Pierce made slanderous remarks about me and was going to get me with a gun if necessary." Commissioner Stouffer broke away from his questions several times and gave lengthy statements about his attitude toward his work and his duty. He declared that he had never stolen either the city's gas or the city's time.

"The law about city officials giving six hours each day to the city is right and I always obeyed the law," he stated.

"I used the city's car and the city's gasoline several times. But while I was doing that a city official was using my car and my gasoline on city business," Mr. Stouffer apparently bitterly resented any reflection on his honesty or on the manner in which he performed his official duties. Stouffer was at all times a voluble witness, frequently pleading with his counsel that he be allowed to tell the story. And he never failed to get a laugh from court officials, spectators and often from the jurors.

Yesterday afternoon three men and one woman corroborated Justice Pierce and declared that the battle on October 11 was merely an assault, with Stouffer acting as the aggressor. Arthur Peterson, clerk in the cigar store, told in detail the story of the episode.

Leo Wynne, Marcellus Cicco and Miss Genevieve Eads told practically the same story as Peterson and Peterson. The police commissioner, according to their testimony, entered the store, called Pierce a name, hit him a glancing blow and then punched him repeatedly.

Three members of the Moline police department testified that Pierce had interfered with police work. One member swore that the justice had made an attempt to bribe him to make certain arrests.

Obituary

Laura Jane Pobantz, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Pobantz, 421 Forty-fifth street, Moline, died at 8:45 last evening after a two weeks' illness of bronchitis. She was born April 13, 1917, in Henry county. Surviving are the parents, five sisters, Mrs. Charles Kershaw of Colona, Edna, Florence, Minnie and Mena, all at home, and four brothers, Ralph, Earl, Lloyd and Merlin, all at home.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC CAUSES DEATH OF PLOW CITY WOMAN

The first death in the present typhoid epidemic in Moline was reported this morning. Mrs. George Stewart, 1133 1/2 Third avenue, is the victim. She passed away at 10:20 this morning at a Moline hospital following a 12 days' illness with the disease.

Mrs. Stewart was born Jan. 9, 1859, in Nebraska. She was united in marriage to George Stewart in Gallesburg three years ago and for one year the couple had resided in Moline. Surviving are the widow, two children, Marjorie and Laurel, her father, John Freden of Kewanee, three sisters, Hattie, Ruth and Florence, and one brother, Lawrence, all of Kewanee. The remains will be sent to Kewanee, where funeral services will be held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

CHEMIST MAKES TYPHOID REPORT

In an interesting and valuable report to the city commission, A. F. Mollen, Moline city chemist, calls attention to the seriousness of typhoid fever and states that everything in the power of the city officials should be done to banish the disease. He declares that 100 persons are killed by typhoid to every one killed by railroad accidents and that in the last 30 years money loss due to the fever has been more than three times the net property fire loss. An average of one death for every 10 cases is shown in data on the dread disease, he states.

Following are portions of the report: "As to the present cases it is to be noted that this is the beginning of the usual typhoid season. Records of the health departments of most cities will show an increase in the cases during June or July which will tend to grow until September or October, when the number of cases reported per week may drop off and by January or February the low point for the year is usually reached, where it remains until the next June. This is characteristic of most American cities and for that reason our typhoid last winter was unusual because it thrived in the season when it would be expected to decrease."

"One of the reasons for the spread of typhoid during the summer months is because people are using water and milk products that either are not used at other seasons or are then being used in larger quantities than usual. This is often called a vacation disease, because many contract it from infected well or spring water while on outings, camping parties, or while trips or while swimming in a polluted stream. The case often does not develop until after the return to town and to usual duties and so the source of the infection is often unknown."

"The first thought in the mind of most people, especially those who are not at all familiar with the matter, is that the source may be the city water supply, this will be particularly true following the experience of the past winter, and the adverse report of the state board of health."

"Because of the present condition of our plant and chlorine apparatus and the records of the laboratory, I will say that to the best of my knowledge and belief, our water supply since notice was issued that the water need be boiled any longer, can have no connection with the present typhoid fever cases. That we must look elsewhere for the local points of the infection."

"I am not familiar with the producer's end of the dairies which furnish milk to our city, but there are two features of the delivery apparatus of the milk that are open to serious criticism."

"The first is the fact that there is no pasteurization of milk in Moline. The pasteurization of milk is not a guarantee of its safety, but if properly handled at the dairies (where this should be done also to secure the best results) the pasteurization process is the best safeguard to the supply and it is not too much to say that unpasteurized milk, unless it is certified, should not be allowed on the market in a city of this size. The cost to the consumer of this important article of food should be absolutely secondary to its safety."

"The other feature is that milk is sold in bulk, that is, unbottled. This practice invites uncleanness and contamination and is absolutely prohibited by most cities. All milk should be bottled at the dairy and kept cool until delivered. It is said to be common practice for some delivermen to bottle milk on the wagon, using bottles picked up on the route. This is clearly a dangerous practice, encouraging the spread of disease. All returned bottles should be thoroughly washed and sterilized before they are used again."

"I have not had an opportunity to study closely the records of the health department or of the city physician in order to learn all the circumstances in each case, but judging by my observation and the experience of other cities, I wish to point out several possible sources of the disease. These are not necessarily in the order of their importance, but are suggestive of the most probable sources which may apply to our city:

"1, typhoid carriers; 2, contact cases; 3, fly infection; 4, open privy vaults; 5, dairy products; 6, water; 7, soft drinks; 8, vegetables; 9, restaurants and bakeries; 10, floating population."

CAN'T KEEP HOME FIRES BRIGHT BY LOUD SONG ALONE

Declaring that American stay-at-homes must keep the home fires burning by shoveling on more coal and not by singing more loudly Mrs. Louis Featherstone of Chicago yesterday inspired her small but enthusiastic audience which gathered to hear her address at the East Moline Young Men's Christian association. Mrs. Featherstone is sent out by the women's committee of the national council of defense.

"I am a private in the ranks," said Mrs. Featherstone, "and have come to you with a message. I want you all to enlist in the service of your country. We cannot all be generals, majors or lieutenants, some of us must just be plain 'dough-boys,' and must do the less glorious, but nonetheless important work."

Mrs. Featherstone went on to tell of her experiences with American women who refused to become interested in war work. "The realization of what this war means will come to the whole of America after some one whom they have placed in the 'wall of flesh and blood' has fallen, and the star of blue has changed to gold," Mrs. Featherstone declared.

A program for war work was outlined by the speaker, including Red Cross, nursing, child welfare, conservation and canning. Mrs. Featherstone said that the woman who is 100 per cent a worker is a 100 per cent American.

Following the talk Mrs. John McElroy, chairman, introduced M. J. Duryea, executive secretary of the Moline chapter of the Red Cross, who told of the work which is being accomplished here and of the financial status of the chapter. Mr. Duryea pleaded for more helpers, and expressed the desire that East Moline women visit the Moline rooms and also start more classes of their own.

Patriotic songs were sung at the beginning and close of the meeting. Much enthusiasm was created by Mrs. Featherstone's address, and as a result East Moline women are to organize a Patriotic Service league for the girls.

ENGINEERS COME TO PROBE CASES

Two engineers on sanitation of the state health department arrived in Moline today to begin probes in the typhoid fever plague that is infecting the city.

Up to noon today 80 cases were reported existing in the city. A physician, also of the state department, is expected to arrive in Moline this evening.

FIFTEEN MORE MEN GO TO CAMP AUG. 1

Instructions have been received at the office of the Moline exemption board to enter 15 men for Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga. on Aug. 1. The men will be taken from the group that still remains in class 1 and will be drawn in sequence of order.

Edward E. Miner of Silvis, who has been classified as a deserter by the local board, has been arrested in Los Angeles, according to advices received today. He was called for service May 22, but failed to appear. It is said Silvis authorities were communicated with at that time but he was reported to have left town. Since that time he has been going under the alias of E. D. Main. He will be sent to camp directly from California.

BOY MAY RECOVER.

Hope for the recovery of Clarence Aldene, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Aldene, 1304 Twelfth street, Moline, reported seriously ill with pneumonia at the naval training station at Seattle, Wash., was contained in a telegram received last evening.

Clarence enlisted in the navy several months ago and was sent directly to the west coast. Wednesday his parents received word that he had been taken seriously ill with pneumonia. Rev. Carl Atill of Seattle, a friend of the family, was informed of the youth's illness. He visited the boy, and yesterday wired that attending physicians were hopeful for recovery.

ANNOUNCE COMMITTEE.

It was announced today that the recently appointed local committee on housing will meet within a short time. A definite program of operation will be formulated and the plans looking forward to immediate solution of the housing problem will be made.

The committee was announced as follows this morning: E. White, chairman; M. J. Duryea, secretary; R. C. Shalberg, R. S. Woodburn, J. D. Metzger, J. L. Simmon, L. R. Blackman, George W. Ross and O. J. Root, members.

This committee will act as an advisory body to the federal officials who are directing the building project.

BELGIANS MAKE HOLIDAY PLANS

Elaborate plans for a proper observance of the national holiday commemorating the independence of Belgium have been made by people in East Moline of that nationality and Sunday promises to be a gala day in the community. The detailed program of events which was made public today provides for a grand parade at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. This will open the day's festivities. The lineup will include the American-Belgian band, preceded by the American and Belgian flags, city officials of Moline, East Moline and Silvis St. Eloy club, Belgian Sick Benefit association, Pigeon club and Bolders' club. Many automobiles are also expected to be in line. The procession will start at Twelfth street and Fifteenth avenue. From there it will go west to Seventh street, south on Seventh street to Seventeenth avenue, there turning east toward the picnic grounds on Thirtieth street hill.

The program at the grounds is scheduled to open at 2:30 and Dr. G. F. Johnson, mayor, and Floyd Thompson, state's attorney, have been secured as the speakers of the day. Ely D'Arras, representing the

Belgian association, will also speak. Open air dancing on the large platform at the grounds will be enjoyed throughout the afternoon, music being furnished by the American-Belgian band. At 5 o'clock the national anthems of Belgium and America will be sung by a chorus of men and girls. Athletic events are also scheduled to take place, prizes being furnished by East Moline business men. One of the features of the day will be a balloon ascension at 7 o'clock by Glorieux, said to be a noted aeronaut. He will perform stunts beneath the basket of the balloon.

A special train from Geneseo and Annawan to bring Belgian residents from those towns to the festivities will arrive in East Moline at 1 o'clock.

This is the first time that East Moline has had a celebration of this character, the Belgians having not observed their holiday with any demonstration. A general invitation is extended to the public to attend the festivities. Proceeds of the day will go to the fund for disabled Belgian soldiers.

SAFELY OVERSEAS.

Rudolph Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson, 1915 Third street, Moline, has arrived safely overseas, according to word received by his parents. Johnson was drafted. He was sent to Camp Dodge and later to another training camp. He is in the artillery.

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Small Lima Beans, something special, per can	8c
Mustard Sardines, packed in mustard sauce, big	8c
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Early June Peas, for this sale, per can	13c
FRESH CUT PORK	
Pork Chops, end cuts, pound	25c
Pork Loins, half or whole, pound	26c
Pork Loin Roast, pound	28c
Pork Chops, center cuts, pound	28c
Pork Shoulder, whole, pound	23c

Fancy Diamond A Butterine, per pound	23c
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HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION.

A special election at which time two vacancies on the board of trustees of the Moline firemen's pension fund will be filled will be held at the Central fire station tomorrow morning.

John Mautke was placed on the pension list.

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